

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to Office Action dated 12/17/2003 finding that this application has claimed four patentably distinct species (i.e., no one of which or any combination of which is made "obvious" in view of other or any other combination thereof under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects the patentably distinct species IV associated with Figures 4A and 4B for further substantive examination.

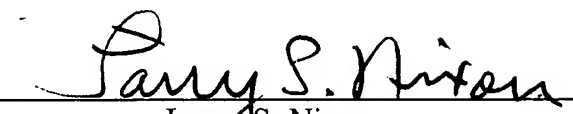
The outstanding Action also finds that the applicant has claimed numerous patentably distinct sub-species (i.e., no one of which is made "obvious" in view of any other or any combination of other such patentably distinct sub-species under 35 U.S.C. §103). Accordingly, applicant hereby further elects from each of the patentably distinct sub-species, the sub-species A (Figure 6), AA (Figure 5), C (Figure 11D) and FF (Figure 20).

Claims 2-5 have been amended above to depend from claim 6. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 2-6 read on the elected species and sub-species.

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